

Amendment No. 4 to HB2114

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by deleting from subdivision (6) in the amendatory language of Section 5 the language:

Notwithstanding subdivisions (c)(5)(A) and (B), to continue to receive the maximum Tennessee Promise scholarship award at an eligible two-year or four-year institution, and substituting instead:

Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(5)(A), to continue to receive the maximum Tennessee Promise scholarship award at a public two-year postsecondary institution,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 11 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-911(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) To continue to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at a public four-year postsecondary institution or an eligible independent postsecondary institution:

(A) A student shall continue to meet all applicable nonacademic requirements for the scholarship and shall reapply for the scholarship upon attempting twenty-four (24), forty-eight (48), seventy-two (72), ninety-six (96), or any subsequent multiple of twenty-four (24) semester hours. At the end of the semesters in which the student has attempted a total of twenty-four (24) and forty-eight (48) semester hours, the student shall have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 to continue to receive the Tennessee HOPE scholarship. At the end of any

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subsequent semester at which continuing eligibility for the scholarship is reviewed under this subdivision (a)(1)(A), a student shall achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 to continue to receive the Tennessee HOPE scholarship; or

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1)(A), a student who fails to achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 when continuing eligibility is reviewed at the end of seventy-two (72) semester hours or at a subsequent semester when continuing eligibility is reviewed under subdivision (a)(1), but who has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 and a semester grade point average of at least 3.0 for the semester in which continuing eligibility under subdivision (a)(1) was reviewed, shall be eligible to continue to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for one (1) additional semester; provided, that the student enrolls full-time in that semester and the student is still eligible for a scholarship under § 49-4-913. Subsequently, the student shall be eligible to receive the scholarship, if the student maintains both full-time and continuous enrollment, a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 and a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last semester in which the student attended full-time. If, however, the student achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at any time when continuing eligibility is reviewed under subdivision (a)(1), then the student's continuing

eligibility for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship shall be reviewed under subdivision (a)(1) at the next benchmark.

(2) To continue to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at a public two-year postsecondary institution:

(A) A student shall reapply for the scholarship pursuant to TSAC rules, shall meet all applicable nonacademic requirements under § 49-4-905, and shall not be ineligible for the scholarship under § 49-4-904. At the end of the first and second three-consecutive-semester periods, the student must have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 to continue to receive the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.

(B) A student may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at a public two-year postsecondary institution for no more than two (2) three-consecutive-semester periods. If a student who receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at a public two-year postsecondary institution transfers to a public four-year postsecondary institution or an eligible independent postsecondary institution and the student is eligible to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at the time of the transfer, then the student must subsequently meet the requirements of subdivision (a)(1)(A) or subdivision (a)(1)(B) to continue to receive the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 12 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-911(b), is amended by deleting from the last sentence of the subsection the word "attempted" and substituting instead the word "attempted or completed, as applicable,".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 13 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-924(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subsection and substituting instead:

TSAC is authorized to promulgate rules to establish deadlines for applications, appeal procedures for the denial or revocation of scholarships and grants, methods of paying scholarship awards to part-time students, the revocation or reduction of the scholarship, the use of early postsecondary opportunities for credit towards semester hour requirements, and to otherwise effectuate the purposes of this part.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 14 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-914, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d) and redesignating the current subsection (d) and remaining subsections accordingly:

(d)

(1) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (c), to continue to receive the maximum Tennessee HOPE scholarship award at a public two-year postsecondary institution, a student must have completed at least thirty (30) hours within the student's initial three-consecutive-semester period of enrollment. The award amount for a student who has not completed at least thirty (30) hours within the initial three-consecutive-semester period shall thereafter be reduced by an amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per semester, unless the student's award is less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in which case it shall be for that lesser amount; provided, that a student's award shall only be reduced during the first two (2) semesters of the second three-consecutive-semester period.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(1), the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for a student who also qualifies for the Tennessee Promise scholarship, as described in § 49-4-708, shall not be reduced for failure to meet the thirty-hour requirement described in subdivision (d)(1).

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 15 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) A Tennessee HOPE access grant shall be awarded to an eligible student:

(A) At an eligible independent postsecondary institution or a public four-year postsecondary institution only until the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twenty-four (24) semester hours. A student who is eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship shall be ineligible for a Tennessee HOPE access grant; or

(B) At a public two-year postsecondary institution only until the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of at least thirty (30) hours. A student who is eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship shall be ineligible for a Tennessee HOPE access grant.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 16 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920, is amended by deleting subsections (d) and (e) and substituting instead the following:

(d) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, a Tennessee HOPE access grant shall be fifty percent (50%) of the combined award of the ASPIRE award under § 49-4-915 and the Tennessee HOPE scholarship awarded under § 49-4-914, not including any reduction of the award pursuant to § 49-4-914(d) that is applicable to Tennessee HOPE scholarship recipients attending public two-year postsecondary institutions.

(e)

(1)

(A) For students at an eligible independent postsecondary institution or a public four-year postsecondary institution, TSAC shall review a student's eligibility at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) semester hours. If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE access grant has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) semester hours, then the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship. If the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2), the student shall be eligible for an ASPIRE award.

(B) If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE access grant does not achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) semester hours, but the student, without financial assistance from lottery proceeds, continues to attend an eligible postsecondary institution and meets the requirements of § 49-4-911(a)(1)(A) at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted forty-eight (48), seventy-two (72), ninety-six (96), or any subsequent multiple of twenty-four (24) semester hours or the requirements of § 49-4-911(a)(1)(B) at the end of forty-eight (48) semester hours or at the end of any subsequent semester, then the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship if the student meets all other applicable requirements. If, at that time, the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2), the student shall be eligible for an ASPIRE award.

(2)

(A) For students at a public two-year postsecondary institution, TSAC shall review a student's eligibility when the student has completed at least thirty (30) hours. If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE access grant has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 after having attempted at least thirty (30) hours, then the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship. If the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2), the student shall be eligible for an ASPIRE award.

(B) If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE access grant does not achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 upon having attempted at least thirty (30) hours, but the student, without financial assistance from lottery proceeds, continues to attend an eligible postsecondary institution and meets the requirements of § 49-4-911(a)(2), then the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship if the student meets all other applicable requirements. If, at that time, the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2), the student shall be eligible for an ASPIRE award.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 17 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-929(c), is amended by deleting subdivisions (1) and (2) and substituting instead the following:

- (1) Section 49-4-911(a)(1), if the student transfers to a public four-year postsecondary institution or an eligible independent postsecondary institution; or
- (2) Section 49-4-911(a)(2), if the student transfers to a public two-year postsecondary institution.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the amendatory language of Section 18 and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) A nontraditional student at an eligible independent postsecondary institution or a public four-year postsecondary institution shall be eligible for the award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twelve (12) semester hours if the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75. A nontraditional student who does not achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twelve (12) semester hours shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship if the student achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twenty-four (24) semester hours. A nontraditional student who does not have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twelve (12) semester hours or twenty-four (24) semester hours shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship if the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-911(a)(1) at the end of a subsequent semester at which continuing eligibility for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship is reviewed under § 49-4-911(a)(1)(A), or the requirements of § 49-4-911(a)(1)(B) at the end of any semester after the student has attempted forty-eight (48) or more semester hours.

(2) A nontraditional student at a public two-year postsecondary institution shall be eligible for the award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twelve (12) semester hours if the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75. A nontraditional student who does not achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twelve (12) semester hours shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE

scholarship if the student meets the requirements at the end of any three-consecutive-semester period when eligibility for the scholarship is reviewed under § 49-4-911(a)(2) if the nontraditional student transfers to a public four-year postsecondary institution or an independent postsecondary institution.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 21 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-909(e)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the language "or (a)(2)".

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-909(e)(2), is amended by inserting the word "applicable" before the word "requirements".

SECTION 23. For purposes of promulgating rules, sections 1 through 19 and sections 21 and 22 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, sections 1 through 19 and sections 21 and 22 of this act shall take effect August 1, 2019, and shall apply to students enrolling in their initial semester in the fall semester of 2019 or thereafter, the public welfare requiring it. All other sections of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.